

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please AMEND the specification by inserting before the first line the sentence:

-- This application is based on and hereby claims priority to PCT Application No. PCT/JP2004/013887 filed on September 24, 2004 and Japanese Application No. 2003-344358 filed on February 10, 2003, the contents of which are hereby incorporated by reference. --

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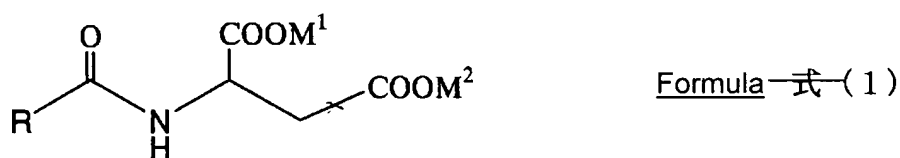
The specification as amended below with replacement paragraphs shows added text with underlining and deleted text with ~~strike through~~ to remove the Chinese characters from the Formula numbers.

Please REPLACE the paragraph beginning at page 5, line 18, with the following paragraph:

-- 1. A cleansing composition, comprising:

(A) N-acyl-aspartic acid or a salt thereof represented by formula (1):

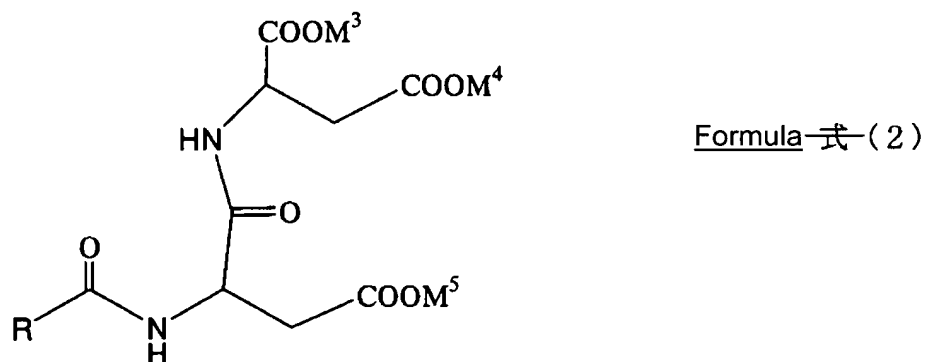
[Formula 1]



wherein R is an alkyl group having from 7 to 23 carbon atoms, and M¹ and M² are each, independently, a hydrogen atom, an alkali metal, an alkaline earth metal, ammonium, alkylammonium, alkanolammonium or a protonated basic amino acid;

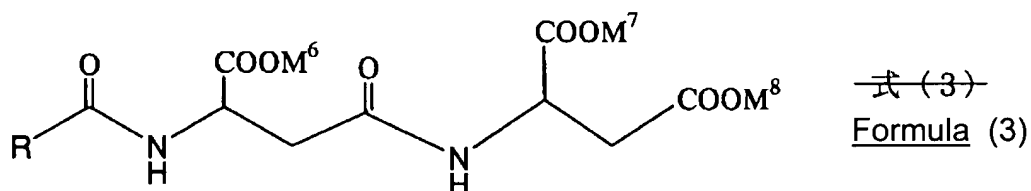
(B) N-acyl-diaspartic acid or a salt thereof, represented by formula (2):

[Formula 2]



wherein R is the same alkyl group specified in formula (1), and M³, M⁴ and M⁵ are each, independently, a hydrogen atom, an alkali metal, an alkaline earth metal, ammonium, alkylammonium, alkanolammonium or a protonated basic amino acid; or represented by formula (3):

[Formula 3]



wherein R is the same as in formula (2), and M⁶, M⁷ and M⁸ are each, independently, a hydrogen atom, an alkali metal, an alkaline earth metal, ammonium, alkylammonium, alkanolammonium or a protonated basic amino acid; and

(C) a higher fatty acid or a salt thereof represented by formula (4):

[Formula 4]



Formula 式 (4)

wherein R is the same as in formula (2), and M⁹ is a hydrogen atom, an alkali metal, an alkaline earth metal, ammonium, alkylammonium, alkanolammonium or a protonated basic amino acid.